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I'LL STAY WHERE YOU PUT ME

*I'll stay where You've put me; I will, dear Lord,
Though I wanted so badly to go.
I was eager to march with the 'rank and file,'
Yes, I wanted to lead them, You know.
I planned to keep step to the music loud,
To cheer when the banner unfurled,
To stand in the midst of the fight straight and
proud,
Victorious before the whole world.*

*I'll stay where You've put me; I'll work, dear Lord,
Though the field be narrow and small,
And the ground be fallow, and the stones lie thick,
And there seems to be no life at all.
The field is Thine own; only give me the seed;
I'll sow it with never a fear;
I'll till the dry soil while I wait for the rain,
And rejoice when the green blades appear.*

*I'll stay where You've put me; I will, dear Lord;
I'll bear the day's burden and heat,
Always trusting Thee fully! when even has come
I'll lay heavy sheaves at Thy feet.
And then when my earth work is ended and done,
In the light of Eternity's glow,
Life's record all closed, I surely shall find
It was better to stay than to go!*

—Selected.

"WHEREFORE JESUS ALSO, THAT HE MIGHT
SANCTIFY THE PEOPLE WITH HIS OWN BLOOD,
SUFFERED WITHOUT THE GATE" Heb. 13:12



"HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED
SHALL BE SAVED" Mark 16:16



"AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST
AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES" Acts 2:4



"THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE HATH PUR-
CHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD" Acts 20:28

NOTICES

"To stir you up by putting you in remembrance," 2 Peter 1:13.

There will be a W. W. B. program at the Church of God at Fort Worth, Tex., Saturday night, April 29. Neighboring churches are invited. Please come praying that God will bless.—Mrs. Sadie Singleton, W. W. B. secretary, Fort Worth, Tex.

The Illinois state camp meeting will convene in the big state tabernacle at Benton, Ill. June 16-25. Brother H. L. Whittington, state overseer of Alabama, will be the principal speaker. If you have not already made plans to come and camp, begin now so you can be ready for the very first service. There is plenty of camping space. If you want to rent a camping tent, please get in touch with us two or three weeks before the camp meeting as we will have only the number of tents that we receive orders for. If you order a tent, remember we will expect you to pay for it whether you use it or not, as we are required to pay for all tents that we have brought to the camp ground.—J. R. Thomas, state overseer, 1412 Eldorado St., Eldorado, Ill.

To the Church of God in Oklahoma: The Maud district convention will be held at Maud, May 5-7; Perry district convention will convene at Perry May 19-21; Lawton district convention will be held at Lawton, May 26-28; Ft. Towson district convention will be held at Ft. Towson June 9-11; Murphy district convention will be held at Murphy June 16-18. Come be with us in these conventions.—G. M. Bloomingdale, overseer of Oklahoma.

The Stonefield, Miss. district convention will convene May 5-7 with the Friendship church. We insist that all officials of the churches on this district be present throughout the convention and bring all the members of your church you can. Come prepared for the mission offering; help make this a great convention. T. W. Godwin, state overseer, will be in charge.—W. L. Sharpe, district pastor, Holcomb, Miss.

To the Church of God in Pennsylvania: I give below the date and place of our district conventions: Harrisburg district at Newville, Pa., April 28-30; D. DeFino, district overseer. Washington district at Washington church, May 5-7; A. F. Newport, district overseer. Somerset district, Somerset church, May 12-14; J. A. Murray, district overseer. Others to be announced soon. All have an invitation to attend these conventions and especially are all ministers, deacons

Good News From the Orphanage Drive

The money is pouring in by the hundreds of dollars this week. We will be able to give you more definite information in the next issue of the paper. — J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

and clerks urged to be present. You are all welcome. If you cannot be with us, please pray for us.—Your overseer, T. S. Payne.

The Huntington, W. Va. district convention will be held at the Huntington church May 12-14. The Huntington church is preparing to be host to the churches on the district and to visitors from other districts and states. Pastors, members and friends on this district, remember this convention will be just what we, by the grace of God, make it. This convention is expected to be greater than any previous one. Let us do our best to accomplish great things for our God. Brother M. P. Cross, state overseer, will be in charge, assisted by your district overseer.—M. M. Mortenson, 132 Sycamore St., Huntington, W. Va.

Hello, Evangel readers on the Jacksonville, Fla. district and elsewhere, this is to notify you that we will have our Sunday School and Y. P. E. district convention the first Sunday in May, which comes on the 7th, at the Church of God in Lake City, Fla. We have a Sunday School and Y. P. E. in every church on the district and expect to organize more by the time of this convention. God is certainly blessing in these departments. We are also expecting the pastors of every church on the district to call in their services the first Sunday and

Our Brother A. C. Craft, former General Overseer of the Pentecostal Fire-Baptized Holiness Church, who is founder and superintendent of the Toccoa Orphanage, will accept calls for revivals, and in his services he will have one special program for the orphanage, both of Cleveland and Toccoa. Brother Craft is a precious man and I am sure will do your church good, and he is in a noble work in working for the orphanage.

Anyone desiring to contact Brother Craft may write him, A. C. Craft, Toccoa, Georgia.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

bring their Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's to this feast. Our state superintendent, Brother Wm. Stanfield, and district overseer, Brother J. T. Roberts, are expected to be there. Don't forget to bring lunch as dinner will be spread at the noon hour. Everyone invited. — Paul Taylor, district superintendent, 1024 Winthrop St., Jacksonville, Fla.

MISSOURI

I desire to sound a note of praise for the work in the state of Missouri. Right at this time some of the churches are prospering in the Lord and some are striving to keep on the map. We invite all Christians to help us pray for the work in this state. We desire to lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes. We have but few churches in this state, and they are scattered out, but we are doing our best to strengthen them and fill in between with new ones.

I am praying that our orphanage offering this Easter Sunday will be real good. We are small in the state as to number of churches, but we want the devil to know that we are on the map for Christ and His Church.

The time is approaching when we can have out-door meetings. I want every member of the Church of God to do something for God. I want the preachers to preach the gospel uncompromisingly. Do something, win souls for God, establish churches, do something for Christ and His Church in spite of the devil. Preachers, if you don't do something for God, I am going to call you lazy. There's lots to do in the state, and I say, Do something. If you don't have a house to run a revival in, build an old time brush arbor, pray through to victory, preach the old time gospel under the anointing of the Holy Ghost with a heart full of love until you win some souls for Christ and His Church. When you win them, if circumstances hinder setting a church in order, take their membership to the nearest Church of God; when you catch fish, string them.

Laity, you do something for God too. If you live too far from your church to attend, try to get a preacher for a meeting and get something started for God. Write your district or state overseer, telling him about the prospects for a meeting there and what you will do to promote one. Don't wait for the preacher to come before you do something, start a prayer meeting in your home, invite your neighbors in, and pray until the Holy Ghost falls, and maybe you will receive an invitation to other houses. Pave the way for a revival and God will reward you for your labor. "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to

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The Spirit of the Age

BY ALEX J. DUNCAN

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2 Thess. 2:3, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE?

Do we mean the war or the blood-thirsty spirit that has gripped many of the nations of today and is surely coming to a climax some time somewhere in the near future? Not only is there a perplexity among nations, but there is something far greater and more dangerous than that among God's people. No wonder Paul, that precious man of God, wrote such a letter of admonition to the Church of God which was located in the city of Thessalonica. Surely if Paul could see such a spirit of falling away then, I wonder what he would say to the Church of God today if he were here. Oh say, brother, sister and friend, we are now living in the falling away time. Let us watch and pray and be sober in all things, for our redemption is nigher than when we first believed.

THE SPIRIT OF DROWSINESS AND SLUMBER

1 Cor. 15:34; Eph. 5:14. This dreadful disease is creeping into churches today. The spirit of prayer is slipping; there no longer remains that unity of prayer for the lost and dying of this unfriendly world. Worldliness is gradually creeping into our ranks; people will say, "I don't see why this little thing, or that little thing will hurt. Oh, why be so peculiar

anyway? If you all didn't have such iron-clad rules for the Church of God, you would gain many more members." God help us to keep the Church clear of this spirit. I say we can if we will cling to the precious Word of God and abide by the teachings of the NEW TESTAMENT AND HER ORDINANCES AND THE GOOD ADMONITION OF THE APOSTLES. Read 1 John 2: 15-19. Brother minister, if there was ever a time when we as ambassadors of Christ needed to preach sound doctrine, holiness and Bible government, it is now in these wicked days of the closing of the gospel dispensation. Just remember there must come a falling away before the end of time. There is a tendency in the ranks of Pentecost today to lean toward the fashions of the world and to partake of the so-called pleasures of the world.

Oh, that God would send such a stir and awakening into our hearts that it would create a burning fire within and a desire and zeal to labor for God and win lost souls as never before, for we are laborers together with God, 1 Cor. 3:9. Dear hearts, you have no idea what Pentecostal movements are drifting to unless you could visit some of the churches out here in the regions of the great Northwest. Short hair, no stockings, make-up of all description, short sleeve dresses, jewelry and many other things which are not scriptural. What is the trouble? This is the answer, it is coming over the pulpits and the people don't hear the truth.

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ing in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love," Eph. 4:11-16.

We don't come in contact with this faith at the new birth or when we are born again. Jude 3 says, "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Notice this was written to saved people. He exhorted them to contend for the "faith." Yes, without a settled faith to govern the spirit that we possess from God we may make shipwreck. This "household of faith" is ruled and governed by the Word of God, by those who are over us in the Lord. Paul had authority over Titus. He writes to him in Titus 1:4, 5, "To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee." Paul appointed him to do this work for the Lord. He told Timothy whom to place in position to carry on the Lord's work. 2 Tim. 2:1, 2, "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Peter had reference to the "household of faith" when he spoke about the "brotherhood." 1 Pet. 2:17, "Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king." A brotherhood has power and authority to adopt decrees, etc., to make firm the body.

If the Church must have government it must also have officials to exercise the power and authority of government. The Bible reveals that God has provided said officials and they are His ministers to exercise His government. God uses man as an agent only. Therefore the officials of the Church have no right to make rules for the Church other than the Scriptures authorize. If so, they act as a supremacy and not as an agent. This is displeasing to God for He alone has supreme power and authority over the Church (household of faith). Paul said, "For we are laborers together with God." In Matt. 18:17, 18; 1 Cor. 6:1-5; 1 Cor. 5:9-13 we have positive proof that God has delegated authority to the Church to judge matters between its members and to withdraw fellowship from those who walk disorderly. Our decisions must be according to God's Word. If the Church does not use its delegated authority and withdraw fellowship from those who walk disorderly, it will be guilty of delinquency. On the other hand those who will not submit to the Church when it

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The Household of Faith

BY EDD COX

Text, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith," Gal. 6:10.

I fancy that Paul could see a broad field for us to labor in and some different faiths to come in contact with, so he gave us this good text to hide in our hearts. We are to love all of God's people and do good unto them. The text says "especially unto them who are of the household of faith." This body of people that is so founded upon God's Word can throw light out to others by doing good unto them.

These words, "household of faith," carry with them a great meaning. Paul said that there was one Lord and one faith, then he spoke again about all coming to the unity of the faith. Yes, "He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets;

and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ (the Church): Till we all come in the unity of the faith (not spirit), and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we (the household of faith) henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body (household of faith) fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual work-

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EDITORIALS

THE WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

Doom of the Unbelieving Dead: The Last Judgment

"And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire," Rev. 20:11-15.

This judgment will take place at the close of the millennium. Three classes will be at this judgment: (1) The wicked dead that did not come forth in the first resurrection; (2) the sheep nations which are devoured at the close of the thousand years. "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Rev. 20:7-9; (3) the fallen angels who are reserved in everlasting chains under darkness. "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitations, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day," Jude 6.

When the judgment is over the devil

and his angels, and all the ungodly, will have been consigned to the lake of fire. "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever," Rev. 20:10.

The great white throne judgment will not be on the earth. It will be during the renovation of the earth by fire, for the renovation of this earth is reserved or kept for the time of that judgment which Peter calls the "day of judgment" or "perdition of ungodly men." 2 Peter 3:7, "But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

"Looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness," 2 Peter 3:12, 13.

Peter says we are looking for a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. We have other scriptures concerning this. Isa. 65:17, 18, "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy."

We are sure this refers to the refining of the earth. "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain," Isa. 66:22.

John saw a new heaven and a new earth. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away: and there was no more sea," Rev. 21:1. Does that mean that this present earth will pass away? We are sure that it does not mean that the earth itself will pass away but will be worked over by fire. "Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth,"

Psa. 119:90. "Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever," Psa. 104:5. "One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever," Eccles. 1:4.

We are sure that these scriptures prove that the refining of the earth is what Peter has reference to, also that the mountains will be removed and the seas done away with, and the earth will be made a beautiful place and the Lord will dwell with His people for ever.

"And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works," Rev. 20:13. From every place where the bodies of those who did not merit a part in the first resurrection may have fallen, God will bring them into judgment. Many argue that the fish have eaten the bodies in the seas, and those buried in the earth have been consumed by the earth and it will be impossible to bring these into judgment. But the souls of all these bodies have been kept in Sheol or Hades, the place in the bowels of the earth for the wicked dead, and God has power to bring these bodies back into existence. There will be a resurrection at this judgment and those resurrected at this time will stand before the judgment throne. The wicked will not be judged to see if they have done righteousness that will merit God's favors, but they will be judged for their wickedness and will be cast into the lake of fire with the beast and false prophet.

The sad feature of this judgment will be that there will be many loveable people who will not be saved and who will be classed among the ungodly. They either rejected Christ or failed to seek Him for the new birth. Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born again, and without this new birth it will be impossible to have any part with the redeemed. The books will be opened, which the recording angel has kept as a record of every man's personal life, and every one will be judged according to his works. Some think there will be degrees of punishment, that those who have been desperately wicked suffer a more severe punishment. This is not so clear in the Scriptures. The worst of it all is the fact that those who are not so bad must spend eternity with the ungodly and that in the lake of fire. Their punishment includes the second death, which means that they shall lose their resurrected bodies with which they were judged, and go into the lake of fire. This will be a fearful time. Think of how careless men and women are, and many who profess to love and worship God know nothing of a change of heart and they will be doomed forever. This is the last scene in which we have any dealings with the earth's inhab-

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The Progressive Christian

It should be the constant thought of the Christian to go on to a deeper and better experience with God. Many back-slide because they do not go on. Many lose ground unconsciously, and instead of growing in grace they become weaker in faith and power. Many are conscious of weakness but do not know the cause.

The Christian's experience is never so complete that he can let up, sit down and rest in past or present attainments. The life current is maintained by a continued going on. The means of grace and salvation must not be set aside or omitted. Below we call attention to some exercises that should be continued in the life of the Christian:

1. Heart-searching. The progressive Christian must continue to search his heart and watch and pray. There is so much about us to draw away our attention that it is no easy task to keep your eye always within upon your own heart, but you must do it or you will lose out and be overcome by the spirit of the enemy.

2. The Christian should humble himself before God. This duty is not fulfilled and completed in one act, but it is the life-time attitude and spirit of those who desire to walk with God. The more we humble our hearts before God the closer and better we may be able to walk with Him. Seek, study, make an effort to be humble, more and more humble before God, and that from time to time, if you would live in closest fellowship with Him and increase in His blessing and favor.

3. Draw nearer to God. Here is a promise, "Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you." An effort to get nearer to God is always in order. It pleases God to have His children choose His fellowship, and that repeatedly. He never imposes Himself on any one, but He always comes and makes Himself known and bestows His blessing where He finds a welcome. Ever give Him that welcome, and repeat it over and over.

4. You will make an advance step with God when you give Him further control over your life, and when you submit yourself to Him in a greater and fuller way. Perfect and constant submission to God and His will are necessary to perfect peace and perfect soul rest. Whatever we may withhold from the Lord is done to our own spiritual injury. The more complete our surrender to the Lord, the more perfect is our victory from day to day.

5. Put a little more energy and purpose in your going forward with God.

Perhaps none are going so strong and with such whole-hearted purpose but what they could speed up a little. Most Christians could serve God much better and with more reality than they do. Someone has said that most business men are only 25 per cent efficient, and yet, as to progress, they are far ahead of us at that. If the Lord and His salvation mean to us all that we claim, it calls for the very best that is in us.

6. More trust in God. The more fully we humble our hearts, obey the Lord, and press onward with Him, the greater will be our faith, and the more certain will be our dependence in Him for the needed grace and power. If faith and trust be lacking there is a cause, there has been a letting down somewhere. Let us follow on to know the Lord better. It is our privilege to go on "from victory to victory," "conquering and to conquer."

An Undiluted Christianity

"Be fair; be charitable; be Christlike; but let there be no mistake. Let it be absolutely clear that Christianity cannot, must not be watered down to suit the palate of either Hindu, Parsee, Confucianist, Buddhist, or Mohammedan, and that whosoever wishes to pass from the false religions to the true can never hope to do so by the rickety planks of compromise."

Sir Monier Williams, an eminent Christian scholar, and for forty years a diligent student of religions of India, gave the above advice to missionaries.—*Missionary Review of the World*.

That Coming Moment

A certain moment is distinguished from all other moments to come. It is referred to in 1 Cor. 15:52, "In a moment." Much is set by it because of what will transpire in that moment "in the twinkling of an eye."

What wondrous events will take place in that moment! Here are some of the events that make it pre-eminent among all the moments yet to be:

1. In that moment will be fulfilled the gracious promise given by our Lord to His own in the upper room at Jerusalem, and recorded in John 14:3, "I will come again and receive you unto myself."

2. In that moment will be brought for the Lord's people the great change cited in 1 Cor. 15:49-53; Phil. 3:20,21. "We shall also bear the image of the heavenly . . . We shall also be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at

the last trump, . . . and we shall all be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

3. In that moment also will occur the wondrous rapture of our Lord's people who will be caught up to meet Him as foretold in 1 Thess. 4:15-18. "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

When will that moment come and all these events take place? We cannot tell, but from the scriptural signs all about us we believe the time has almost arrived. Let us watch and pray. Amen!

Being and Doing Religion

Salvation is first, being—"ye must be born again." "Repent and be converted that your sins may be blotted out." After this it is saying, going, and doing the will of God. No one can live and do the Christian life until he first enters into it and knows it and possesses it.

A Change of Heart Needed

The human heart is "wicked," "deceitful." God said so. It does not need training but changing. Unless its nature is changed it will never produce anything but sin. "A new heart will I give unto you, and a new spirit will I put within you," is the Lord's positive promise.

An Inward Change

Salvation is not an outward change, but an inward. Change the sinner's heart and all the outflow of his life will be changed—all that he feels, says and does. Men do not kill a tree by pulling off its leaves and fruit, but by cutting the tree down. If you would change the sinner you must aim at his heart—it is the fountainhead or source of his sins. He must have a new heart or his case is helpless, eternally hopeless.

A Right Heart Produces Good Fruit

"An evil tree cannot bear good fruit." You need not prune it, train it nor cultivate it, but cut it down. None but a good tree will bear good fruit, you must have a new tree—and that means to be born again from above, "made a new creature in Christ Jesus."

What a task it is to make gospel preachers, missionaries and Christian workers out of sinners who have not been born again! It cannot be done unless they come the old time, Jerusalem, Calvary, new birth route.

If some people would keep their minds open as much as they do their mouths and their mouths closed as tight as they do their minds, they would soon become bureaus of information.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

We Are Serving God in the Islands

Dear readers of the Evangel, I am glad to report victory in my soul. I still feel like pressing on as the end is drawing near, as we see the signs appearing. We find in Luke 21, "Look up, . . . for your redemption draweth nigh." Brothers, sisters, if there ever was a time to be watchful for our souls, it is now. We are surrounded by so many evils that only the Lord can help us through.

A few weeks ago our beloved Brother P. H. Walker spent a few days with us, he and our state overseer, Brother Franks. My, what a wonderful sermon we heard and the people fell at the altar and quite a few were converted. He is surely a man of God and filled with the Spirit. We believe we have two good men with us, Brothers Walker and Franks.

The convention in Nassau was wonderful, but on account of my position I only got to one service. At the convention I was appointed district pastor over Eleuthera. I visit the town of Rock Sound every other Sunday and the other Sunday I spend at my home church at Green Turtle Cay, as pastor, with an assistant. I have plenty to do but I do it with pleasure, knowing some day I will reap if I faint not.

There is a lot to say about this island and these trips but space will not allow us. We are here serving the same God that our brothers and sisters are serving in the States and our only hope is that if we do not meet here on earth when the shout is made and the Lord returns to earth then we will see each other and greet each other with a smile. Pray for me and my family that we will stay in the will of God.—Roland Roberts, Green Turtle Cay, Abaco, Bah.

We Promise to Be True

GRAND TURKS ISLAND, B. W. I.—On February 13 my wife and I left Kew for Grand Turk. We had a good gentle time while on the boat. After we landed ashore she said she would like to stay with me to help encourage and strengthen the work. After seeing what state she had to be in she got worried over conditions. I then had to encourage her. Anyway, I got her to stay a little while and while she was here the people were very glad to see us working together, then she felt at home. During the cold night we had not a blanket to shelter us from the cold, we had to use our coats instead. Then my mind wandered to the other missionaries who are in colder countries and God is taking care of

them and He will take care of us in Turks Island too. All of this is to get us ready and God's children ready unto perfection till all come to the knowledge of the truth, and we promise that nothing shall separate us from the love of Christ. Dear readers, remember you are helping us to get our reward. Those who are not working yet, start now. Time is not as long as it has been.

Pray for us that the gospel will have its free course in bringing souls to Christ. I read in the Evangel where our General Overseer mentioned the high duties on goods in other countries. It has not reached here yet. We never had a quantity for them to notice. I am thanking him for letting us know of the happenings in the other countries. Please pray for our field overseer who expects to pass through our islands to encourage our work. Our church, Sunday School and Young People's Endeavor are coming on fine. Pray much for us to continue in this great work. Please pray for my wife, she is not in good health, that God will strengthen her body so she can stay on the battlefield to work for Him. Many thanks for the Evangelists you send us. God bless you is my prayer.—A. W. Rigby, overseer of Turks Islands, B. W. I.

Had a Most Wonderful Time

ROCK SOUND, Eleuthera, Jam., B. W. I.—I thank Jesus for His promises are true and He never changes. On February 26 the church at Rock Sound, through the efforts of our district overseer, Brother Roberts, visited the saints of God at Bannerman Town. We left home about 8:00 and arrived at Bannerman Town about 9:30. We had a most wonderful time. Everyone, it seemed, was at his best. The Holy Ghost was present and the power of God was greatly manifested. The testimonies were wonderful. It was a day of rejoicing for the children of God. It made me think of heaven and how wonderful it would be to be there.

Our district overseer, Brother Roland Roberts, gave us a very timely message. Great crowds were present; the church was filled and many stood on the outside. We remained over for the night service. Then came time for us to say good-bye and Godspeed, and with tears and handshakes we sang, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." We arrived home about 12:00 p. m.

The saints in Bannerman Town are very generous and we pray that God will bless them. We had a very pleasant day

and everything that could make us feel welcome was done. Pray for our district overseer that God will keep him in this straight and narrow way. He is a man of God and loves His cause. Pray for the souls over here that God will send a great revival, that they may see the light on His precious Word. Pray for me.—Brother Edward A. Sands.

Victory Over Here

To the Evangel family, greetings. On Dec. 15 I left home, like Abraham, going to the mission field to extend the gospel. I sent a request for prayer that I would have victory.

On Sunday morning, March 12, we had a baptismal service and eighteen followed the Lord in water baptism. We had with us our pastor, Bishop Archer, and Brother H. T. Gentles, one who also gave us his profession for the gospel. Oh, it was exceptionally grand.

Then we went from the baptismal service to the mid-day service. We had a nice little program with spiritual songs, recitations, etc. After that came the night service. Oh, if you had been here with us and hadn't had the shouter in you, you would have had to get Him that night. Four were saved Sunday night and four Monday night. People of other denominations came to the church. A lady united with the church and when her husband heard of it he struck her to the ground but God gave her the victory, for she was in the number who was baptized and the husband is now a seeker. Thank God. Pray for us over here and that we may always obey the Lord.—J. W. Thomas, Hanover, Jericho P. O., Jam., B. W. I.

God Has Promised to Make a Way

GRAND TURKS ISLAND, B.W.I.—I praise God for sparing my life to come to Grand Turk to work for Him. I am not so well but I will do the best I can for the saving of mankind. I was in Kew for many years, working as an evangelist and seeing the work was kept in order, and God helped me to gain many souls and good has been done there.

Our condition is not too good in Grand Turk. The house in which we live is very drafty but I pray we will get another house soon but they want dear rent for a good house; they cost from \$2.00 to \$2.50 a month and we have to buy water, wood and many other necessary things. God promised to make a way out when there was no way for us. Our condition is not so bad as others but what we are in it is hard for us. We see the soldiers on the field in wartime who don't have it nice but are looking only for victory.

I am still encouraged and have a longing in my heart for the Church of God.

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Notes From My Letters

J. H. Walker, General Overseer

Three Cheers

TO THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT CONVENTION MISSION OFFERING

The greatest district mission offering in history. When the final count was made the total was \$552.00. God bless those faithful ministers in their work throughout the district, and may he especially bless our Brother Whittington, who is one among our best State Overseers in promoting the work of the Church of God. Brother Whittington isn't strong in body but God seems to strengthen him and he keeps going.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

Just a line by way of report. God is very graciously blessing our ministry in this state. Have conducted two meetings in which fifteen and thirteen respectively received the baptism. Numbers were saved and the Spirit has graciously given perfect liberty most of the time. The old timers say the best meetings in many years, for which we glorify God. These are grand people to preach to. Will be here, D. V., until the Assembly. Slated far ahead. This needs no answer just a brotherly greeting and report. Wife's condition about the same. Blessings on all.

Our Y. P. E. Ancestors

"Our Y. P. E. ancestors failed to keep a family history of last year, therefore, we can not make the comparisons we would like to," writes one of our state superintendents.

We are delighted with the reports of the Y. P. E.'s and Sunday Schools, but, of course, it is true that in a number of places a careful record was not kept of last year, therefore, we can not give comparisons of detailed improvements, however, we hope another year our records will be more accurate.

Brother J. R. Thomas reports a new church at McLeansboro, Illinois, with nineteen members.

Good news from Louisiana. Please notice the new churches and prospective pastor.

April 13, 1939

Just a card to let you know that we now have two new churches and looking forward to the third one.

We also have a new baby boy, two days old.—Clyde C. Cox, Overseer of Louisiana.

From Brother Marshall B. Morris, Route 2, Jesup, Ga.:

I am sending \$2.00 on the Bible School.

We have been building a new church since the Assembly. Enclosed is a picture of our building which is 32'x57', also we have it seated nicely, and bought a nice piano and have it paid for. Our Willing Workers Band is working fine and helping us pay the indebtedness off.

May the Lord bless and help these good people there.

From one of our State Overseers:

We are getting along fairly well under the circumstances but I don't like the circumstances too well. We are in need of some good evangelists and some money to take care of them, and until we get that I guess we will have to do the best we can. We have a special prayer and consecration meeting going this week in each of the churches and we hope to stir a revival spirit. There are some good revivals going at present and we trust many will be going soon.

May God bless our brother in his work and may many, many more prayer and consecration services be held and that God will pour out His Spirit in a most marvelous way in these last days that we live.

Have been in a revival about three months. Between thirty and forty have been saved, about twenty-five sanctified, and three filled with the Holy Ghost. We moved into our new church building. We owe only about \$200.00 on it. God gave us favor with the business men of the city and they gave us about \$2,000.00. We no longer have to worship in the old store building, thank God.—Vance Perkins, Radford, Va.

May God bless you in your work there, Brother Perkins.

State Convention and Camp Meeting Dates

Illinois—April 20-23

South Carolina—April 27-30

Indiana—May 4-7

Western Maryland-Washington, D. C. district convention—May 11-14

Iowa—May 26-28

Annual Gen. Assembly (colored), Jacksonville, Fla.—May 15-21.

Florida Camp Meeting—June 1-10

Florida State Convention—June 2-3

Missouri—June 9-11

Ohio—June 15-18

North Carolina—June 15-18

Michigan Camp Meeting—June 18-25

Michigan State Convention—June 23-25

Virginia—June 23-25

Great Northwest Camp Meeting—June 26-July 4

Kansas—June 29-July 2

Northwest Convention—July 1-4

New Mexico-Colorado-Utah—July 7-9

Pennsylvania—July 6-9

Oklahoma—July 14-16

Mississippi—July 14-16

Arkansas—July 21-23

West Virginia—July 21-23

Kentucky Camp Meeting—July 24-30.

Kentucky—July 28-30

Texas Camp Meeting—July 31-Aug. 6

Texas State Convention—August 4-6

Alabama Camp Meeting—July 26-Aug. 6

Alabama State Convention—Aug. 4-6

Maryland (Eastern Shore) Camp Meeting, August 4-13

Maryland-D. C.-Delaware - East Virginia state convention—August 11-13

Georgia—August 10-13

Iowa Camp Meeting—August 15-25

Tennessee Camp Meeting (Sevierville)—July 20-30

Tennessee—July 27-30

Louisiana—August 24-27

Maine—September 1-4

RADIO BROADCASTS

We will be glad to publish your broadcasts if you will send them in to us.

WRGA, Rome, Ga. The Church of God, A. H. Batts, pastor, each Monday from 10:30 to 11:00 a. m.

WCSC, Charleston, S. C. 1360 KC, each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a. m. Church of God, Porter M. White, pastor.

WSPA, Spartanburg, S. C. Each Sunday at 3:00-3:45 p. m. Odie Smith in charge.

WAPO, Chattanooga, Tenn., Seddy, Daisy and North Chattanooga Churches of God, each Saturday morning from 6:00-6:30 a. m.

WBIG, Greensboro, N. C. 1440 KC, each Sunday evening 5:45. A. M. Phillips, pastor.

WOPI, Bristol, Tenn., 1500 KC. Each Sunday from 7:15 a. m. to 8:00 a. m. E. S. T. R. C. Cook, pastor.

WTBM, Danville, Va. Each Sunday from 1:00 p. m. to 2:00 p. m. A. O. Stewart, district overseer.

KGDE, Fergus Falls, Minn. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:15 to 1:45 p. m. Each Sunday 4:30 to 5:30 p. m. H. E. Ramsey in charge.

WMFD, Wilmington, N. C. Each Sunday from 3:00 to 3:45 p. m. H. T. Durden, pastor.

KADA, Ada, Okla., Feb. 16, 10:00 a. m. E. T. Curtisinger, pastor.

WSOC, Charlotte, N. C. Each Saturday, 8:30-9:00 a. m. Charlotte and Belmont, N. C. Churches of God, W. M. Stallings and A. V. Childers, pastors.

WSTP, Salisbury, N. C. 1500 KC, Kannapolis, N. C. Church of God, each Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:00. U. D. Tidwell, pastor.

WATL, 1370 KC, Atlanta, Ga. Church of God. Each Sunday 3:00-3:30 p. m. W. T. Nelson, pastor. KOCA, Kilgore, Tex. 250 watts, 1200 KC. R. E. Wright.

WSPA, Spartanburg, S. C. Sunrise service, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 6:30-7:00 a. m.; Sunday, 6:30-7:15 a. m. The Gospel Band, Saturday, 3:45-4:15 p. m. C. W. Dempsey, pastor.

WMPC, Lapeer, Mich. 1300 KC. Each Friday morning 10:30-11:00. The Church of God, Flint, Mich. W. M. Barnard, pastor.

KADA, Ada, Okla. April 14, 28; 10:00 a. m. E. T. Curtisinger, pastor.

WICA, 940 KC, Ashtabula, Ohio. 9:00-9:15 a. m. each Monday. Church of God, Warren, Ohio. J. A. Lewis, pastor.

BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

Seeking to Spread the Gospel

Text: Psa. 27:3, 4.

Dear readers of the Evangel, God is blessing in Indiana. He is putting His approval on the gospel here. I have been preaching at New Castle, Ind. in a Jesus Only church. The pastor of this church was converted in a Church of God revival in East Kentucky. He was led off by false doctrine, but God has put it on his heart to let me preach in his church. God has saved and sanctified eighteen and filled fourteen with the sweet Holy Ghost in the last four weeks. Hallelujah! The church is too small and I am trying to get a larger building. There is a Salvation Army hall that is larger, so pray that God will provide a place for His people to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Church of God. Praise God, I feel His presence now.

Pray that God will give us a Church of God here as the closest one is about seventy-five miles from us, but I am preaching anywhere I can get a place to preach. Since I have been here at Muncie, Ind., I have found it to be a new field but there is a wasp nest of doctrines here that are poison. I am praying that God will provide a place for a Church of God revival here.

If anyone wishes to write me about a revival, my address is 925 W. Powers St., Muncie, Ind.—Monroe Newell.

CATLETSBURG, Ky.—I praise the Lord for victory, for the Church of God at Catlettsburg, Ky. and for our district convention which closed April 2. The Lord blessed wonderfully from the very first service. We praise the Lord for our good state overseer, B. L. Hicks, and for the good message he brought. It stirred the people and they brought forth a good mission offering.

We hope the Lord will let Brother Hicks stay with us for he has surely been a blessing to the state of Kentucky. Pray much for the Catlettsburg district for Church of God people are few up here.—Virgil Tapscott, district pastor.

STUTTGART, Ark.—We are still battling away here at Stuttgart, Ark. We have a little Sunday School started here and are having five services a week. The fire is falling and some are getting saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise His dear name.

Our state and district overseers, Brothers Henry and Murray, of Little Rock, came. We are planning for an old time, heart-searching revival here soon. There were no Church of God people here when we came a short time ago but people are

leaning toward the Church and its teachings now. Please pray for the work here.—Lee and Lucy Green.

Victory In Our Blessed Lord

CAVE CITY, Ark.—Our dear overseer, Brother Henry, paid us a visit a short time ago, he and a good Spirit-filled brother from Little Rock. Oh, how we did enjoy their stay. It seems it helped my son, Lono Marlin, our pastor, so much just to have our overseer and the other brother pay us a visit.

Oh, dear saints, let's pray, press on, work on, work for Jesus in our Sunday School, prayer meetings and church services. Let's use every minute for Jesus. He is soon coming to reward the faithful. Oh, how I love the blessed Church of God. I have my ups and downs and persecutions but they cannot be compared to the joy I get out of serving God who healed me of a bad case of Bright's disease a short time ago. It was a hard case of many years' standing. I suffered so much, but praise God, this morning I am free indeed through Jesus' blood.—Sister Ludy Marlin.

SLATER, S. C.—We are planning on a new church building, by the help and grace of God who gives us all things. Please pray that if it be God's will He will give us another and larger church.

We have a fine Sunday School and need more room for our classes. We just finished a wonderful revival conducted by Brother Odis Smith and pastor, Brother Carl Cox. We had a great time in the Lord and He wonderfully blessed. Eight or ten were saved, five sanctified and six filled with the Holy Ghost. Bless His name!

We have Y. P. E. services and have some faithful workers: Sister Pearl White, Sister Bennett, Brother and Sister Cox, Brother and Sister Pridmore. Please pray for them that they can get the young people interested in the wonderful work of the Y. P. E. that many souls may find Jesus through these services.

We have a Willing Workers Band which is a great help. Pray that they will do much good for the work of the Lord. Pray that I will be a soul winner for God and always stand true.—Fannie Allen.

We thank the Lord for His presence in the rally day service which was held at Strawn, Tex. March 26 for the benefit of the Ranger, Tex. district. The Holy Ghost was with us throughout the day. Reports were given by each Sunday School superintendent and a thirty minutes' program by each Y. P. E. president.

The district Y. P. E. banner was presented to the winner (Y. P. E. of Ranger, Tex.) of the district contest. Ranger won with the margin of only nine points. Strawn was second.

Brother J. C. Thomson, state superintendent of Sunday School and Y. P. E., brought a very spiritual sermon. We thank the Lord for such a man as Brother Thomson.

After the Y. P. E. programs were presented in the afternoon an altar call was given. One received the Holy Ghost, and others were saved. Each church was represented in the altar.

God really blessed and we are very thankful. As the service came to a close each child of God was made to feel assured that He would be with us until we met again either here or in the life to come. — Magdalyn Kitchens, Strawn, Tex.

FORREST CITY, Ark.—I praise the Lord for the way He has blessed our church here at Haynes, Ark. This church, being about twenty-one years old, is one among the first organized in the state of Arkansas. It's been said for several years that this church was dead, having been bumped and knocked around by the enemy in so many ways that things have looked bad, but anyway God has a few faithful children here yet holding on to Him in prayer and faith. He saw fit to bless here by sending an evangelistic preacher, Brother Heaton, and his wife of South Carolina, a wonderful man of God, to hold a revival, beginning about March 5 and running for three weeks. The Lord blessed in every service. Brother Heaton preached with such wonderful power that conviction seized people. Quite a number got saved, two were sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost and nine added to the church. When the meeting closed folks were crying out to God.

The Lord is still blessing in prayer meeting and other services. Our Sunday School has increased and the Y. P. E. has been reorganized. Our hearts were made to rejoice in the Lord and were burdened for lost souls. Pray for this place, especially for the young people.—Sister Eliz James, Rt. 2, Box 91

ANADARKO, Okla.—We praise God for the way He is blessing us here at Anadarko. We now have our building almost completed and have it paid for as it stands. We have our piano clear now, for which we thank God. We are having good crowds every service night; the house is always full. The Lord is still saving, some are being sanctified and two have received the Holy Ghost lately. Folks are interested here, people are coming to church who have never attended before. Just pray that God will continue to bless us in the work here and that this

will be a soul-saving station for God.—Mrs. Calvin Rogers.

MUNCIE, Ind.—We praise God for the way He has been blessing here during the past ten days. Unbelievers are taking great interest; many are seeing the light on the Church of God. Some have started paying their tithes. One has been saved and many hands have gone up for prayer to be saved.

I expect to organize the Willing Workers Band soon. We already have two quilts and other handwork and articles to sell to pay on the church debt.—Evangelist Bertha G. Shideler, 313 S. Britain Ave.

Encouraged With Progress of Work

SALE CREEK, Tenn.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival here with Brother W. M. Towns doing the preaching. Nine were saved, five sanctified and five filled with the Holy Ghost. We closed with the Lord's Supper and feet washing and the Lord surely blessed. We thank the Lord for what He has done at Sale Creek. Our Sunday School is increasing; it has gone from twenty-five to seventy-five. Praise the Lord for Sale Creek and for the good co-operation we have had there this year.

When I went to the Assembly and found out they wanted me to go to this place nearly all whom I met tried to discourage me, saying hard things about the church, but thank God, I had prayed for the Lord to let me go where He could use me best. I was offered four churches in Georgia but when I would pray it seemed the Lord would say, "Sale Creek." So I'm glad to report we are doing good. We have gone over the top one hundred per cent. Thank the Lord for our Y. P. E. and L. W. W. B. which we have organized since I came here.

I'm glad for the good sinner friends; they all like me. One of them took up an offering for me the other night and that isn't all, one of the young men got out in the yard the other night and took up an offering for me. Thank God for good friends like that and for good church members who will stand by their pastor and hold up his hands to God. Thank the Lord. Now this church is blooming.

If you are visiting friends come to Sale Creek and see what good co-operation and fellowship we are having. Brother Towns is an old time, Pentecostal evangelist who can preach convicting power down. His address is 3736 Central Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn. He is a wonderful preacher. Believe me, friends, I'm proud of this church and don't feel worthy of the good blessings the Lord has given me since I've been here, and everything we have started to do has been easy. Why? Simply because we have worked together; we are planning on

painting our church. We thank the Lord for all the good things He has done. Pray for us. I am glad to say all these good things about this church. — Roy Dagnan, pastor, Chickamauga, Ga.

It's Real

ELBA, Ala.—I praise the Lord for the Church of God here, about twelve miles southeast of Elba. I feel impressed to write and ask prayer for this place. Pray that the Lord will give us a building; we have services in our homes. Brother Chester Farris does the preaching. We have been having wonderful services at the homes.

On March 12 we had a wonderful meeting; three received the Holy Ghost. I believe God wants to do a wonderful work here. One sister lay under the power during the whole service and came to speaking in tongues and praising God.

Last Sunday, March 26, we had a wonderful meeting. We started service Sunday afternoon about two o'clock and it lasted until about night, and all the saints stayed for night service. There were five saved, four sanctified and one filled with the precious Holy Ghost. The power of God was so strong until you couldn't stay off the floor. Glory to God. Four little children were saved. I believe the Lord is getting His people ready for His soon coming. Pray much for our pastor, Brother Helms, who is in the Dothan hospital. Pray for me to stand true and that this family will be ready when Jesus comes.—Myrtle Robertson, clerk.

Waycross, Ga. District Convention

The Waycross, Ga. district convention convened at Alma, Ga. March 24-26. Brother H. O. Harris, district overseer, was in charge.

There were many visiting delegates and it was reported as being the best district convention they had attended. Brother J. C. Jernigan, state overseer, spoke on missions, after which an offering was taken amounting to \$55.00, the largest offering given for this cause thus far in the state.—Miss Bernice Hyers, clerk, Alma, Ga.

District Convention in S. Dakota

The convention which convened at Mobridge March 22-24 was a meeting that God stamped His approval upon in several special places. Approximately fifteen ministers were present, and several of them inspired our souls with God-anointed sermons. One sister was filled with the Holy Ghost during the meeting, and others were stirred spiritually. One characteristic of this meeting which predominated so plainly in the Lemmon district convention, was the great mission spirit. The people of South Dakota want to see this great gospel spread abroad.

Evidence of this was the amount of the mission offering; \$35.00 was gladly and freely given Friday evening, and on Sunday evening a lady whom we don't know turned in an envelope to the janitor of the church, in which was \$79.00 in cash which was designated "To The Church of God mission cause," thus making the Mobridge offering \$114.00.

The Lebanon convention was held in the fine city auditorium March 29-31. One feature of this convention was the fine spirit of the meeting, a proof being the conversion of a father of a large family; also the mission spirit was very prevalent. Men and women cried as they realized the need of the souls of men, and the song, "But drops of grief cannot repay, the debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do," was true of the Lebanon, Gettysburg and Tolstoy folks as they gave of their financial means to send out missionaries in home and foreign fields; \$42.00 was received in a short time. To conclude the convention Brother Boatwright preached on "Hitler in the Light of Prophecy" to a crowd of about 250 people. This was a fitting climax to this great convention, and all left feeling it was good to have been there.—Alvin H. Thompson, Gettysburg, S. D.

One of Them

I praise God for salvation in my soul. Brothers and sisters, I feel like pressing on. Oh, how glad to know I am one of them. Praise God. He knows our daily walk and I am glad for the day that He saved and sanctified me from this world and gave me the Holy Ghost.

I also thank God for saving my husband and giving him the good Holy Ghost. Everybody who sees this and knows him, write him an encouraging letter to hold on. He got the Holy Ghost January 27 and he was seventy-six years old January 18. Pray for him that he will be true. Praise the Lord. Have special prayer for the Church of God at Ferris, Tex. We need your prayers.—Mrs. F. M. Bates, Box 74, Ferris, Tex.

SHAW, Miss.—I am glad I can still say I have the blessing. I am so glad we have such a Savior who is good to us. Praise the Lord. He has healed me of several things. I thank the Lord for this great blessing and because He is so good. He can still save anyone who will believe in Him. I was thirteen years old when the Lord saved me. God has surely blessed me.

Please pray that I will be what the Lord wants me to be for I know it won't be long until Jesus comes and I want to meet my loved ones around the throne. Please pray for my father to be saved. Pray that God will give me more faith.—Juanita Lett, Rt. 1, Box 118-B.

REVIVALS

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years,"
Hab. 3:12.

FORT MILL, S. C.—The Lord is blessing our revival here. God is saving and giving the Holy Ghost to people. The Lord gave us a good meeting at Belton, S. C. There were forty-three saved, thirty sanctified and thirty-six filled with the Holy Ghost. We surely enjoyed our stay with Brother David Lemons, pastor, and people. We also enjoyed the meeting at Honea Path with Brother Mullinax, pastor, and the good people. Several got saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, just how many I don't know. Pray for us at this place for the Lord to have His way. —M. N. McPherson.

SAXTON, Pa.—We just closed a most successful revival here with Brother George Folk, Jr., in charge. God marvelously blessed from the first service. His friends, high school friends and teachers just filled the building to capacity. Mighty conviction was prevalent and surely we can say as the Psalmist David, It was good for us to be here. Much good has been accomplished in this town. We praise the Lord for His presence and trust many more will find Jesus as their personal Savior.—R. E. Nuzum, pastor.

WHITWELL, Tenn.—The Church of God at Whitwell is praising God for sending Brother Max L. Atkins to conduct us a revival. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Each night the Lord would bless Brother Max in giving out the Word. There were fifteen saved, seven sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and the saints blessed. If anyone wants a real Spirit-filled man of God to conduct a revival, he would do well in getting Brother Max L. Atkins. We praise God too for our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister R. C. Ogle. Brother Ogle has a good, humble wife, willing to help in every way she can for the upbuilding of God's cause. We all love them. Pray for us that we will do the Lord's will.—Elsie Hoback.

ARCADIA, Fla.—I am still shouting the praises of my blessed Savior for what He is and has been to me all my life, although I did not realize it like I do now. I wish everyone could realize as I do how wonderful our dear Savior is. For years I suffered; it looked like I could hardly eat anything but what disagreed with me, till Jesus said I had suffered enough and healed me. Now I can eat anything I want. Praise God forever! I am seventy-three years old and I feel as young as if I were

twenty-five. Hallelujah! I do my cooking, cleaning, take care of my chickens, etc. Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus. I wish everyone would trust Him as I do for everything.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Florida A. Smith, Rt. 1, Box 199.

AGES, Ky.—We have just closed a revival at Ages, Ky., with seventy-three conversions, thirty-one baptized in water, twenty-eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-nine added to the church. Others are looking this way. We praise the Lord for this revival; it was wonderful. Some got saved at home in bed, others got the Holy Ghost while washing dishes. The power of God was present in a wonderful way. The revival was conducted by the writer, assisted by Brother Alfred Nicholson, Jr. Brother Nicholson was a great help among the young people, in the altar and with the music. He helped organize our Y. P. E. and Sunday School and we have one of the best string bands in this part of the state, I believe. We are in a revival now at Verda, Ky. So far it looks very promising. Pray for us and the work here at these two churches.—Elmer R. Waller, pastor.

ALDEN, Ala.—I thank God for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. Thank God and His holy Son Jesus for the great healing power. I have had this good blessing nearly two years. I have trusted the Lord for both soul and body. I can't tell of the times He has healed my body but will tell of one of them.

On Jan. 6 at four a. m. I was taken with a severe pain in my right side. I was so cold it was as if I had a chill but I did not shake; my face and night clothes were wet with cold perspiration. My husband, who also has the Holy Ghost, prayed for me but I was not any better. The Lord told him to go after Sister Sarah Murphy, a Church of God sister who really trusts the Lord for healing. They prayed for me. I got much easier but all day Friday, Friday night, Saturday and Saturday night I suffered. When that pain would strike my side my hip and leg would draw and get so stiff I could not use them. I was very sick. Almost all who came said it was appendicitis, that I had better go to the hospital and have an operation before my appendix burst. They tried to scare my husband and said if I did not have a doctor they would put him in jail but I never did doubt that the Lord could heal me.

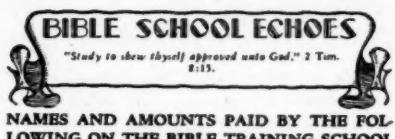
On Friday night Sister Sarah Murphy, Sister Belk and my husband prayed for me. The Lord touched my body

and I danced, shouted, talked and sang in tongues but for some cause I was not healed. We kept praying; the Church of God at Blossburg, Ala., prayed at service Saturday night. The Lord told me to send for Brother Ivan Gilbert of Cordova, Ala., and Brother Marvin Norris, pastor at Blossburg, to come Sunday to pray for me, but for some cause Brother Ivan Gilbert and Sister Murphy got here first and the Lord had already come on the scene with that mighty healing power. I was shouting and talking and singing in tongues before Brother Norris and some other brothers got here but I guess they must have been praying for me on the way. Glory to God, He healed me. I cooked dinner and supper, went out in the mining camp where I live to see the other sick folks, walked almost two miles to Blossburg church, shouted and danced and got a good blessing. Glory to God. I walked back home, mopped my whole house the next day and my side was not a bit sore from the time the power hit me and I hit the floor from the bed. Praise God it has not been sore nor hurt anymore since Jan. 8. Bless His name. His healing power is real. When they told me if I did not have an operation I would die, I said, If God wants me healed, He will heal me; if He doesn't, I am ready to go home. God made us in the beginning and He has power to take our lives, so I know there is nothing that He can't heal if it is His will.

We have a son out in sin so please help us pray for him that God will save him so He can use him in His work. If anyone wants to write about this, you may write to Brother Ivan Gilbert, Cordova, Ala.; Brother Marvin Norris, Pratt City, Ala.; or Sister Sarah Murphy, Alden, Ala.—Mrs. B. W. Payne.

SWITCHBACK, W. Va.—We have just closed a revival at Eckman, W. Va. This was an extraordinary revival inasmuch as it lasted five weeks, during which time sixty-four were saved, thirty-four sanctified, thirty-three filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-eight baptized in water and thirty-one added to the church. This revival was held by Brother W. W. Webb and his wife, who are both evangelists. There were hard-hearted drunkards and sinners saved; the power of God was certainly manifested there. The people shouted, talked in tongues and praised God in the old time, Pentecostal way. We were glad to have with us our highly esteemed state overseer, Brother M. P. Cross, and Sister Cross. We also had our district overseer, Brother C. H. Blankenship. Their messages were very timely and highly appreciated.

The coal camps are very hard places,
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NAMES AND AMOUNTS PAID BY THE FOLLOWING ON THE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

Individuals

W. T. Truett, \$1.00.

Churches

Laurens, S. C., \$11.37; Bethel, Miss., \$2.00; Olney, Ill., \$2.00.

Report on the Drive for the Bible School Thus Far

Individuals have paid in \$2,308.89.

The amounts received from the various states are as follows:

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| Kentucky | \$106.04 |
| Florida | 101.60 |
| Maryland | 99.77 |
| Alabama | 93.99 |
| North Carolina | 74.00 |
| Mississippi | 72.80 |
| South Carolina | 70.14 |
| Texas | 57.41 |
| West Virginia | 49.51 |
| Tennessee | 42.67 |
| Michigan | 34.84 |
| Missouri | 22.81 |
| New Mexico | 16.05 |
| Pennsylvania | 9.82 |
| Miscellaneous | 9.50 |
| Ohio | 9.26 |
| Georgia | 7.45 |
| South Dakota | 7.32 |
| Indiana | 6.60 |
| California | 3.45 |
| Illinois | 2.25 |
| Virginia | 2.10 |
| Arkansas | 1.75 |
| Montana | 1.12 |
| Louisiana | 1.00 |

I know of one state which has asked for a special privilege to wait a little later so it could come in on its drive, as a whole, then there are others who have arranged this Bible School offering in their budget so as to have it in before the convention, and others plan to have theirs in before the Assembly.

We surely will appreciate it if you will not forget to give your people an opportunity to send this offering in, as it goes to a very worthy cause, and God will bless you in helping us to buy this nice college site for our Bible School.

I am sure that these figures may be surprising to a number of the overseers and this, no doubt, will help you to see just where you stand. We will be expecting to hear from you again in regard to this matter.

These figures have been submitted to us by Brother Zeno C. Tharp, Superintendent of Education.—Yours for our Bible School, J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

CORRESPONDENCE DEPARTMENT

We Should Stand True to Christ

Matt. 7:24-27, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."

We find from a study of the Scriptures that Christ was offering this parable to the people during His sermon on the mount to simplify His teachings. It made everyone understand the weakness of the faith of the idol worshipers and heathens, who worshiped everything from snakes to man-made images. This parable shows the necessity for a strong foundation.

In connection with this idea, I remember a certain summer resort, which was in full swing with its modern "bathing beauties," amusements and evil enticements of every imaginable type. What an example of idol worship! Women and men alike, half naked in their new "backless" bathing suits, roadhouses, refreshment stands, soda fountains, and gambling houses. Men and women, boys and girls throwing themselves away.

But alas! God would not allow such evil to continue. One August morning the sun rose over a cloudbank and as the day lengthened, the sky became overcast. Storm warnings were sent out. Every radio and newspaper screamed warnings of a coming storm. Houses were vacated—people rushed to their homes.

Suddenly the storm broke, the water rose in the streets. The wind reached the highest velocity ever recorded in that city. As the water rose—one—two—three feet—the first of the tourist cottages crumpled; rain washed the sand from beneath the others, and finally eleven feet of water stood in lower streets of the near-by city. The summer resort was a wreck, and a just fate it was! The very sidewalks themselves were battered and twisted beyond repair. All houses were severely damaged or completely washed away.

But to the eyes of those who had remained through the storm there was a welcome sight. A little distance off shore, built on a rocky shoal was a lighthouse. As the waters rose and the waves beat against its walls, the little lighthouse only seemed to strengthen its life-saving light and send its rays a little farther and brighter across those heavy, angry waves.

And so should the Christian worker be today, even though the devil may pile tribulations and stumblingblocks around us until we are completely surrounded by evil, we should stand true to Christ. Indeed! A time of this type is no time for us to hastily pack our grips and flee to another section of the country until the atmosphere clears, but this is the time for all God-fearing and God-loving people to stay before God in prayer until a victory is won.

The only foundation that will stand in the last days is Christ, and without Him in our very lives our lot will be cast with the foolish man who built his house on the sand, and our fall shall be great, so great indeed that we will inherit everlasting shame and an eternity in hell.—Eugene Furr, Route 1, Box 7, Roxbury, Va.

Better Able to Work for the Lord

I praise the Lord for the many blessings I receive. I praise Him especially for the great blessing I received in my Bible study by correspondence. Praise God for it. I feel that no one could do without it if they only knew the blessing they would get by studying the home Bible study. It has been a wonderful experience in my life. I feel more like working for my Master. Every young minister who cannot leave home to go to Bible School should take the Home Study Bible Course.

I began my study in August and received my diploma in February. Thank the Lord. I will always be a booster of Bible School; it will make us better able to work for our Lord.

I ask the prayers of every child of God that I will be humble and be just what God wants me to be. My prayer is that God will bless the Bible School Home Study by Correspondence. Students scattered over the land, just press on; the prize is just ahead.—W. H. Wilson, Route 1, Eva, Ala.

EDITORIALS

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itants and as we have said, it will be at the close of the thousand years' reign and at the time the earth is being refined and made one plain of beauty and grandeur for God to dwell with His people.

"And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there," Rev. 21: 23-25.



PRAY FOR:

Our revival here; God to heal my body of rheumatism.—Mrs. Rosa Finck, 2132 Walker Ave., Wichita, Kans.

Nellie Warren to be healed of goitre and asthma; healing of Brother D. H. Delk, Rt. 1, Candler, N. C.—Mrs. M. L. Christopher, Rt. 1, Candler, N. C.

Miss Angeline Cross, Rt. 6, Box 295, Lexington, N. C. to be healed of a cancer on her ear; to be fully established in the faith. Write her letters of encouragement and send her old Evangels; the healing and salvation of a friend; me and my sons to be healed.—C. B. Wall, Rt. 6, Box 326, Lexington, N. C.

To overcome a hindrance and be completely healed of T. B. Letters appreciated.—Miss Pearle Mae Mitchell, Waverley Hills Sanatorium, Waverley Hills, Ky.

Our daughter-in-law, Mrs. W. B. Hall, Itta Bena, Miss., to be healed of a chronic disease.—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hall, Tomnolen, Miss.

Sister Evelyn Banning who is very low with T. B. Fast, if led, and send an anointed cloth.—Sister Pauline Long, Grasonville, Md.

The Lord to deliver me of my trouble and set me free.—Mrs. Bessie McDaniel, Waresboro, Ga.

The healing of my body; to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost; my mother to be healed.—Miss Ola Trammell, 211 Ladiga St., Piedmont, Ala.

Me to be healed of rheumatism.—Mrs. J. H. Huckabee, Myrtlewood, Ala.

Me to be healed of a hernia and an effected gland on the left side; wife and baby to be made strong.—Willard Gentry, 2nd St., Benton, Ark.

My sister, Mrs. Mary Ferguson, who we think is losing her mind; an anointed cloth sent her will be appreciated.—Mrs. Bessie Abner, Rt. 1, Troy, Tenn.

Me to get back to God.—Mrs. Lillian Brasher, Rt. 1, Helena, Ala.

My sister who is seriously ill of cancer. Fast, if led. Anointed cloth will be appreciated.—Anna Johnson, 1230 Broad St., Bristol, Tenn.

Our church at Cocoa, Fla.; saints at Mims, Fla. to receive the Holy Ghost; God to open the way for us.—Robert and Edna Culpepper, Gen. Del., Oak Hill, Fla.

God to heal my side.—Mrs. Eaythel Spears, Hubbll, W. Va.

A couple to accept the Lord; their home to be blessed.—Minnie Blair, Rt. 1, Norman, Okla.

My family and me; my husband who was injured by a car.—Mrs. Annie Weeks, Rt. 1, Boyle, Miss.

To be healed of pleurisy; my lungs, side and other trouble to be healed; our work here.—Mrs. Noro Harmon, Rt. 1, Box 23, Isola, Miss.

The healing of a bad sore leg; my family to be saved; our revival.—Mrs. Ella Jenkins, Culberson, N. C.

My husband and sons to be saved; God to provide a way for us to go to church; my foot to be healed; my little girl who has something like the flu, her nose bleeds and she has a bad cough.—Mrs. Maggie Selvage, Rt. 2, Woodville, Ala.

My husband to be healed of appendicitis and four operations; us to receive the Holy Ghost; loved ones to be healed and saved.—Violar Mickle, Rt. 4, Cullman, Ala.

A dear friend to be healed of T. B. Anointed cloths appreciated.—Ona Kirby, Pine Hill, Ky.

Virgil Poole who is suffering severely from appendicitis.—Melvin O. Smith, pastor, Harrisburg, Ill.

My daughter to be saved and healed.—Mrs. J. M. Arnold, 590 King St., Charleston, S. C.

My wife who is sick with malaria fever and flu.—J. L. Huffstutler, Trilby, Fla.

The Lord to provide a job for me; me to be healed; my wife to get sanctified and receive the Holy Ghost, also other loved ones in sin to be saved.—C. J. Reed, Winnsboro, S. C.

NOTICES

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give every man as his work shall be,” Rev. 22:12.

The time for our conventions, both state and district, is drawing near and I sincerely hope that our people will feel that mission spirit insomuch that they will be willing to sacrifice in order to send the gospel to the darkened heathen lands. Pastors, what about taking some mission offerings in advance of our state convention?

Here is a proposition: The pastor that brings the largest mission offering, according to the pro rata of the membership of his church, to the state convention shall receive \$10.00 cash prize. Now come on, pastors, and win this prize. Churches, help your pastors win this prize and you will cause God to smile on you, and the rest will be waiting for you at the judgment.

Here is the time we have selected for our district conventions. Cantwell, April 28-30, at Bonne Terre; Joplin, May 5-7, at Brighton; St. Joseph, May 19-21, at 2001 Main St., N. St. Joseph. Since our state convention is a little earlier than we expected, the Big Island district convention will not convene until some time after it.

Our state convention will convene at Cantwell, June 9-11. That gives about two months for the churches and pastors

to arrange their mission offerings to bring to the state convention for our annual mission offering.

There will be a blackboard at the state convention for pastors to register on. They must write their name and the name of the church they are pastoring, then write the things they are up on and the things they are behind on. There will be someone at the board to help you register.

EXAMPLE:

Church at Philadelphia: John Mark, pastor. Since the Assembly, total number of members _____, increase _____, decrease _____. Tithes and offerings pastor received from Sept. 1, 1938 to May 31, 1939 _____. Are you up with your Aged Ministers' quota? _____. If not, how much in the arrear? _____. How much did you raise in the Bible School drive? _____. How much did you raise on your Easter Sunday Ophanage drive? _____. Are you up with your mission offering brought to state convention? _____. Value of improvement on church property _____. Amount paid on church property _____. _____

Come on, pastors and churches, let's go over the top in the state of Missouri for Christ and His Church.—H. L. Marcum, overseer of Missouri, Box 5, Desloge, Mo.

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This is to certify that Alvin R. Jones of Johnson City, Tenn. is no longer a minister nor member of the Church of God.—E. L. Simmons, overseer of Tennessee.

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Gregoria Castaneda, fifty years of age, saved, healed and baptized with the Holy Ghost, returned to his home, ninety miles from Panama City, accompanied by George, my sixteen-year-old boy, to preach the gospel. The people see the change in this man and many have taken Jesus as their Savior. They took one mat and one blanket to sleep on. My boy said he is willing to suffer for Christ.—Bolivar Desouza, Aneon P. O., Panama, C. A.

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I am an evangelist in the Church of God and am open at present for some revival meetings. I would like to have some engagements throughout the Middle West and Eastern states, or anywhere that I can be of some help to the Church. I have just closed a very successful meeting here and feel called to get into new territory. I am trusting God to supply my needs as He always does. I have many years of experience in evangelistic work, also as pastor, and have spent seven years in a national prison ministry and am well able and qualified to help any work build up with the help of God. For reference I give I. L. Benge, overseer of California, or J. L. Douglas, former overseer of California, now pastor at Baldwin Park, Calif. State overseers, if I can help your

work, I am ready to go anywhere.—Charles Nugent, 1304 S. McDonnell Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

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Brother Robert Thomas of Coalmont, Pa. has just returned from North Carolina where God wonderfully blessed him while traveling with the Verrico party. At present he is conducting a revival in Rochester, Pa. God is blessing; several have found God. He is a young minister filled with the Holy Ghost and fire, preaching the true Word of God. Anyone wishing him for a revival may write to Frank Petruccelli, 481 Harmony Ave. Rochester, Pa. or Brother Walter Skutar, Iron St., Aliquippa, Pa.—Frank Petruccelli.

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The district convention of the Church of God of the Coffeyville, Kans. district will convene at Independence, Kans., May 5-7. We invite everyone to come be with us, especially the ministers and workers of this district. We also ask that all the churches have all their quotas raised at that time.—J. T. Campbell, state overseer, will be in charge.—P. D. Hoggatt, district overseer, 612 E. Edison, Independence, Kans.

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There will be decoration and all-day service at the Oak Grove Church of God near Coffeyville, Ala. the fifth Sunday in April. There will be several speakers on the program. Come be with us. Bring a well-filled basket.—E. I. Knight, pastor, Thomasville, Ala.

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as one who is still trying to walk with Jesus and who feels that some of her prayers are about to be answered, I feel the need of writing and asking any who have anything against me to please forgive me. I know it is written in God's Word that if you know your brother hath ought against you go to him. Please pray for me.—Mrs. Alice Brown, Rt. 8, Box 806, Wichita, Kans.

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The Washington, Pa. district convention will convene at the Washington church May 5-7. Pastors, please call in your regular services and let us rally together to make this the best convention we have ever had.—A. F. Newport, district pastor, Washington, Pa.

REVIVALS

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however, we have been very fortunate in winning the state banner for the Y. P. E. here at Ennis, W. Va., also the state Sunday School banner at Eckman, W. Va. Both these churches are working very hard and co-operating with us and we have noticed a great progress made since the Assembly. We desire an interest in

the prayers of all for the works at Ennis and Eckman, that God will bless us in winning many souls for Him.—A. T. Little, pastor.

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JESUP, Ga.—We praise the Lord for the revival just closed at Blanton's Grove. Two received the Holy Ghost and many were blessed and revived. Brother G. E. Poole conducted the revival. We feel like the circuit evangelists are doing a great work.

Also we appreciate Brother and Sister Ming who conducted a revival at Jesup for us. Many souls were blessed. May the Lord bless and help each one of them and give them many souls.—M. B. Norris, pastor, Rt. 2.

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PAX, W. Va.—We have just closed a revival at Pax, W. Va. which ran seven weeks. Sister Christine Hyre and her mother were the evangelists. They surely did their best in every way they could. I am glad to say we had thirty saved, eighteen sanctified, twenty-one filled with the sweet Holy Ghost, twenty-one baptized in water, eighteen added to the church and the Spirit still has control. There have been two baptized with the sweet Holy Ghost since the revival closed. God is still on the throne and is a prayer-answering God.

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There are many ways to arrange a revival. We prayed for God to put a burden on the church and the whole church prayed for God to direct an evangelist to Pax, W. Va., so in a few days we got a letter from Sister Christine Hyre that God was directing her to Pax, W. Va. Now if each church will look to God He surely will take care of the arrangements. We thank all the dear saints that came and helped us. They came from Eccles, Beckley, Oak Hill, Minden, Mt. Hope, Coal City and for miles around and lent a helping hand. I am sure they all got a wonderful blessing. There was over a week that God took charge and the sweet Holy Ghost gave the altar call. There was no need of preaching.

Our Sunday School and Y. P. E. are just fine. God is blessing our work. We want to be up and working when Jesus comes.—S. N. Atkinson and Ollie Atkinson, pastor at Pax, W. Va., Rt. 1, Box 33, Mt. Hope, W. Va.

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CHARLESTON, W. Va.—We have just finished a seventeen-day revival. We had three Church of God ministers assisting our pastor, Brother Grubbs. God wonderfully blessed. There were twenty-two souls saved, several sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise God! also five new members were added to the church at the close. God is wonderfully blessing Charleston since Brother Grubbs came. The church was about

to close its doors, but bless God, a few of the saints prayed and God sent our dear Brother Grubbs. Oh, we can't praise Him enough for this, as it was such a burden. The church here is just a little store room, but since we have Brother Grubbs, I must say our church seems like a little paradise. It has been newly papered and painted and we certainly are proud of this. We are praying much that God will keep Brother Grubbs here in Charleston as not only the saints, but the sinners also, love him dearly. Most every night of our services we have one or two at the altar for salvation. Praise the Lord. All you saints who know the worth of prayer, please remember our need for a new church.—Laura Hathaway.

I Have Jesus

LAWRENCEBURG, Tenn.—I'm glad I have old time salvation. I praise the Lord for victory in my soul. I am a member of the Church of God at Wilburns Chapel. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. We began a revival at my place at that time. Sister Clark held the revival. She asked who would pray at nine o'clock and at three o'clock that evening. That morning I went to the woods to pray. I couldn't pray. That afternoon my mother and I went to the bean field. We knelt and had prayer. When we got up from prayer I told my mother I was going to testify. When night came I testified and when the altar call was given I made a break for it. I was twelve years old when I got the Holy Ghost. I am fifteen now. I have brothers in sin; pray for them to be saved. Pray for me.—Ezra K. Waldrop, Rt. 5.

My Testimony and Thanks to God

MOORESBORO, N. C.—This is my testimony and thanks to God and His people which I send to the world. Dear saints, I want to tell the story of how I was healed. I can say, Praise the Lord, I am healed. You can just think how good I feel, and to prove it I have taken so much cold I can hardly talk, but I don't cough and my lungs don't hurt and I don't smother. I am healed. Praise God.

My lungs hurt me so badly and bled until it was unreasonable to tell. I wrote my brother at Gastonia, N. C., Brother Andy Cope, and told him I was to meet mother and he wrote me to send a handkerchief to the Church of God. I sent it to him. He had it prayed for and anointed, then he sent it to me and told me to believe the Lord. I said, "Lord, if you will heal me there will never go another bit of snuff in my mouth," so I wore the handkerchief on my lungs and I am healed. Praise the Holy Father. Praise His name.—Mrs. Rosa Dills, R. F. D. 1.

The Household of Faith

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exercises "God's rule" will be guilty of treason against His government and should no longer be considered members. To confirm this statement we refer to the words of Jesus in Matt. 18:17, 18, "If he (the offending member) neglect to hear the church, let him be unto the as an heathen man and a publican. Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." In 1 Cor. 6:1-5 we have proof that the Church (the household of faith) has a high degree of authority to judge matters between members. Members should be judged by the church in conference and not a civil court. If there are those in the Church who have been ordained, God gave them to exercise theocratic government, and they should be recognized. It is evident that Paul realized that every member was not able to judge between brethren, therefore those in authority are to render decisions according to God's Word. When judgment is rendered according to the Scriptures, it is the Bible that judges. Man only renders the decision.

The council before which the question from Antioch was laid is fully described in its proceedings and the record proves it had ruling authority. Acts 15:6, "And the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter." After the apostles and elders had reached a full decision on this case (they were special men in authority), they put it before the household of faith (the Church) and it pleased the whole Church, Acts 15:22. Then the decrees that were ordained by the apostles were put in the hand of Paul and Silas and they delivered them to all the churches. Acts 16:4, 5, "And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem. And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily."

If God had men in those days who were able to render decisions, settle questions, who brought peace and growth to the churches, we believe God is still saving and sanctifying and giving men the Holy Ghost and adding them to the household of faith to still carry on business for Him. The above scripture says "the churches were established in the faith, and increased in number daily." We must regard the "household of faith" as an organization of members framed together for the purpose of carrying on Christ's work till He comes for His bride for He gave this commission when He said, "Occupy till I come."

He further states of giving His men authority in Mark 13:34, "For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey,

who left his house, and gave authority (legal power) to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch." The writer of Hebrews says (3:4-6), "For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God. And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are WE, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." Paul says the house of God is the Church of God, 1 Tim. 3:15, "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

I would like for us to notice some more work those special chosen men or officials who were in the early Church did. Acts 6:1-7, "And in those days, when the number of the disciples were multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians, against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we (the chosen officials) should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. (They had authority in the Church to appoint.) But WE will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: Whom they set before the apostles (those chosen officials); and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. And the word of God increased and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith."

This faith that we have been talking about is needful. It is not the Spirit that brings divisions, but it's different faiths of people. Paul exhorted the brethren to mark those which cause divisions, etc. Rom. 16:17, "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." Paul tells the brethren to be joined together. 1 Cor. 1:10, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." 1 Tim. 4:16, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; con-

tinue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

The Spirit of the Age

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The preachers out here condemn us Church of God preachers; they say we are fanatical, but God help us to preach nothing but the truth and live it. We feel that the Church of God is on proving ground out here in the snow-covered regions of the great Pacific Northwest. We praise God for a good state overseer to labor with. We have learned to love and appreciate him (Bro. J. B. Camp). He is doing a good work out here in behalf of the great Church of God, so when you pray remember us in your prayers. Our soul is made to travail before God when we see the conditions that exist nearly everywhere we go. We praise God that He saw fit to send us out here in this needy field of labor.

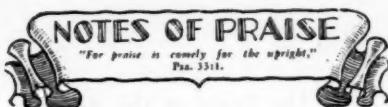
Just a word of honor to our beloved General Overseer, Brother J. H. Walker, who was superintendent of the Bible School at Cleveland, Tenn., when we were in school. No one will ever know the benefits we derived from the good instructions, kind words, encouragement and advice. I fancy I can see him now standing behind the teacher's desk, facing that student body as he would admonish, instruct and advise, with tears trickling down his face and how the student body would break down and cry. O God, give us more and more of that same love.

It was a great sacrifice for wife and babies and me to come out here in the cold regions of this part of the United States; but not one time have we ever regretted the move. God has been so good to us; He has supplied our every need and has given us souls for our hire. Oh, praise His name forever! Our prayer is that God, through the Holy Ghost, will lead more young men and women who have a burden for lost souls out in this part of His great vineyard, for surely the harvest is white and the laborers few. We are here in Stites, Idaho now with Brother Camp, right in the middle of the fight, laboring for God and His Church. Pray that God will give us a church here.

A Friend to Me

RADFORD, Va.—I thank and praise the Lord for this wonderful way. I really and truly thank Him because He saw fit to save me, sanctify and baptize me with the precious Holy Ghost. He is such a friend in time of trouble and distress and I have a determination to make it through to the kingdom of God.

I desire your prayers that I may be in the center of God's will at all times.—Miss Ruth Radcliffe.

**Gloriously Healed**

N. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—I was taken very sick a little more than two years ago, with what the doctor called ulcerated stomach, pellagra, gall bladder trouble and low blood pressure. I suffered very much for several months. I would be down in bed for several weeks then get a little better to where I could sit up some. Last summer I had a nervous breakdown. I could hardly sleep day or night. I lost sleep until I could hardly close my eyes. Oh, I was in such a terrible condition.

In August I took my bed. I couldn't sit up at all for something like five months. The doctor told my husband that unless God undertook for me I wouldn't be here very long. The dear saints of God visited and prayed for me many times but it seemed to no avail.

Then I began to get discouraged and sometimes I would feel like I did not have a friend on earth; it seemed as though God had forsaken me. I lay in this condition almost five months.

One day dear Brother and Sister Pirkle came to see me and brought their musical instruments. They played, sang and prayed for me. I was so nervous I could hardly endure the songs and music but they held on to God for me. They came several times, also our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Wilson, came several times. They showed me such great love and fellowship that they seemed as a father and mother to me. Many other brothers and sisters came and prayed for me. My husband mailed several letters of requests for prayer for me. Many requests were given over the radio for me, but it all seemed to no avail.

I had given up all hope and it seemed that my time on earth was very short. I had no spirit of prayer and it seemed that my prayers would only echo through my own ears. Oh, it was a terrible feeling. No one will ever be able to understand, only those who have had an experience of like manner. I believe that old Job would make a good witness to this experience.

One day a strange feeling came over me and before I could hardly realize what was taking place I found myself in the kitchen hunting something to eat. It was almost like the experience old Peter had when he was bound with chains and in prison, when the angel of the Lord came to him and led him out of prison. He couldn't realize what was taking place. He thought he saw a vision. I found out that God had come

on the scene. Someone had prayed the prayer of faith; someone had touched the hem of His garment for me. I began to eat and take on flesh for I was almost skin and bones. When I first took sick I weighed 197 pounds and when I got to the place just mentioned I don't believe I weighed more than 75 pounds. That has been about four weeks ago and I believe I have gained almost twenty pounds.

Now I can go to church and enjoy the blessings of God. Last Sunday I won a prize for getting twelve new scholars to go to Sunday School. I can never express my thanks to God for bringing me out of bondage and setting me free so that I can serve Him. I believe God has used this method in bringing six of my family to Him, five of them are saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost. I am more determined to live for God. I want to be just as faithful to work for God and help someone else, as God's children have been to help me. I thank God for my little place in the great Church of God, which I know is very small, but the little things need to be done for God as well as the great things, and while my big brothers and sisters hew the big timber and carry the great loads, I would like to follow behind and pick up the splinters and things that fall by the wayside that some might not think necessary, but they too are needed in the Master's service.

Dear saints, please pray for me and my family that we will be faithful to the Lord.—Mrs. Elizabeth Alexander, 122 Woodland Ave.

Obeyed His Voice

EUDORA, Ark.—I am a girl twenty years old, a sister in Christ. I desire the prayers of all that I will be drawn closer to my Savior and be what He would have me be. I have been in this way about one year. I know that God did send me to the altar. I felt the Spirit that night and I'm glad I obeyed His voice. When I turned for home I pondered the words of Jesus, "Follow me."

I am working for a home that will have marble floors and golden walls. I'm sure that it is home sweet home where the soul never dies and we can have perfect rest. How sweet it is when we give our all to Christ; it is very small. How can we offer less? May we lay our troubles, trials and gifts all down at His feet and worship Him with all our hearts.—Inzie Smith, Rt. 2.

Jesus Heals

MIAMI, Fla.—I praise the Lord this morning for His wonderful healing power. On Jan. 2 I was taken with bronchial pneumonia. We surely had a fight with the enemy for four days and nights; the saints stayed with me and prayed.

I felt like if I had a doctor I would die. Every time anyone mentioned the doctor I would tell them that I was trusting the Lord. About two o'clock Friday morning there were several of the saints praying for me. I heard a voice saying, "Get up." I got up, but I was so weak I almost fell. I finally got to the kitchen door and the Lord said, "Don't doubt me like Peter did." I said, "I won't, Lord." I walked to the living room and back to the bed room, then I started suffering again. My brother-in-law said "What are you going to do now? She has gotten up and got more cold." He said, "Lord, we are going to trust you." About that time the power fell. I started dancing. I was wonderfully healed and went to church Sunday night.

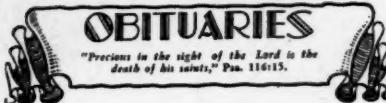
During these four days I went down to death's door several times. I am glad to say that the Lord is the same yesterday, today and forever. I also had hay fever for about three years and the Lord healed me. Pray for me that I will always have faith in him.—Mrs. Macon (Bostwick) Forney, 1224 N. W. 31st St.

NETTLETON, Ark.—To the Church of God everywhere, greetings in Jesus' dear name. As God put it on my heart sometime ago, I am taking this method of asking the Church of God everywhere to forgive me of anything I have done or said that has offended in the least. Yes, anything, even great or small. In 1933 I was turned out of the Church of God. I always knew the Church didn't need me but I needed it, and I have learned, if possible, how badly I do need her. The Church is right and I am making a big effort to be a member though I may never be on the inside, but do pray for me to be a real member on the outside. I love the Church of God and her teachings. I also love her members every one and I am praying for every one.

Saints, will you please pray for me that I will let God lead me right?—A sister in Christ, Naomi Rogers.

SUNNY SOUTH, Ala.—Dear readers, I praise God today for what He means to me. I praise Him for healing my body many times. He has healed my baby more than once. I promised Him if He would let my baby live I would do all I could in raising him for the Lord.

One night he was sick and I asked God to heal him. My baby was not yet two weeks old and I wanted to trust the Lord with him as well as with my ownself. I love the Lord. The Church of God at Sunny South, Ala. loves its pastor, Brother James Edgeworth, and his wife. I am glad of good, old time salvation I have in my soul and for the dear old Church of God and what it means to me. Please pray for me and family.—Mrs. Dan Johnson.



OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Ps. 116:15.

ROBERTS

Sister Mary Roberts, faithful member of the Church of God at Stringtown, Ky., was born April 28, 1905 and died March 8, 1939.—Belle Lyall, Merrimac, W. Va.

SMITH

D. W. Smith, age seventy years, died April 9, 1939.—His son, B. D. Smith, Hartford, Ala.

PATTERSON

Little Ralph Edward Patterson, age twenty-five days, died April 8, 1939.—Mrs. E. C. Clark, Clarksburg, W. Va.

MOORE

Sister Maggie Moore, faithful member of the Church of God at Demorest, Ga., died March 10, 1939; age twenty-three years.—I. N. Rich, Demorest, Ga.

MEARES

Sister Nancy J. Meares of Largo, Fla., faithful member of the Church of God; was born Feb. 19, 1853; age eighty-six years.—L. Johnson, Largo, Fla.

GIBSON

Mrs. Lucinda Jane Gibson, member of the Church of God, died March 19, 1939; age eighty-five years, eleven months and eight days.—Marie Hickman, Whitley City, Ky.

LIMBAUGH

Mrs. Angeline Limbaugh of Pelzer, S. C. was called home to be with Jesus.—Her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Sanders, 203 Bailey St., Sansouri, Greenville, S. C.

A Friend to the Church

ALBANY, Ky.—Dear Evangel readers, last summer I requested prayer for a little baby of two years and the dear mother of this baby believes he is getting better, but the people who go into this home tell the mother there is nothing to this healing and that the days of miracles are past, so I am asking you people to continue to pray for this baby to be healed and maybe it would make believers out of these people. Pray for me and my small son as we have had the flu and are having trouble with our heads as each one of us has had an abscess. My nose stops up at night until I can't get my breath and my right ear rings till I can't sleep. My son is having trouble

with his right ear also.

We don't have any Church of God people here in this county but I am surely a friend to this Church and any time any of you ever come through Albany I would be pleased to take you to this home to see this baby.

I subscribed for your paper, The Evangel, and enjoy reading it. I pass it on to others so they can see the good work that is being done.

Please pray that we may be healed of this head trouble and that my eyes may be strengthened as this flu has made them very weak.—Mrs. E. C. Jones.

Wells of Faith and Love

OCEAN SPRINGS, Miss.—I, too, want to sound a note of praise to God through this wonderful paper. I praise Him for the many things He has done for me through my Christian life. It is wonderfully sweet to me the way He has kept me for nine years. During the first five years of my Christian experience I had the opportunity of being in service and He fed me with His blessings just as He did the man in Mark 8, until my soul was fat. But for the last four years I've not had the privilege of being in service except a very few times. However, there are wells of faith and love all along the way and I am greatly encouraged when I remember the way our loyal pastor, Brother Oscar McManus, would exhort us under the anointing power of the Holy Ghost, "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." We must run with patience the race that is set before us. Therefore, we see that it takes prayer with faith and patience and a great determination to win the battle for God.

I've not become discouraged because I couldn't be in service, for the sweet Holy Ghost abides in my soul. Oh, glory! I can feel His sweet presence bubbling up in my soul now. The Bible says not to cast our pearls before swine but we are not to keep them all to ourselves. Exchange pearls with each other by talking and proving the goodness of God.

My greatest desire in this life is to stay so close to God that I may touch the throne of grace and mercy at any time. The Evangel is food to my soul and I am greatly encouraged when I read testimonies from Mississippi and elsewhere. Pray much for me as my trials are many.—Mrs. John L. Hillman, Rt. 1.

Let's Take Up the Cross and Follow Jesus

Dear saints, let's not give up hope when we are persecuted. I don't get to go to the Church of God much, and I surely have to pray to keep in the precious

way. Every good reader please pray a special prayer for me, my husband and children. I enjoy working for my Lord. He has not called me to preach, but I can tell the people about the love of my Savior and talk to them about their souls. So many are carried away with the world, but Jesus tells us if we are of the world we are not of Him. Hold on, dear saints, let's work harder this year than we ever have, for the harvest fields are truly white. Let's pray that God will send us more true laborers for His vineyard.

How my heart seems so heavily burdened for my husband and children. I am afraid they will wait till it is too late. I'm not burdened for them only, but for the world. Dear saints, let's keep our eyes on the Lord who is the only hope that we have. Please don't forget to pray for me and my family.—Mrs. Sims, 714 24th Ave. W., Birmingham, Ala.

A Merciful God

RED BAY, Ala.—My heart is made to overflow with joy as I sit here and think on the mercies of God. I have always known that the healing power of God was real, but tonight I am really praising God for the miracle He has wrought in our home. Our little girl took the measles and pneumonia. My, how she suffered. God only knew the pain and agony. We called on the elders of the Church. We prayed for her and laid hands on as Jesus said do and the Lord raised her up. I praise and adore the King of heaven for healing our child. God gets all the praise and honor for it and I want to trust Him to the end.—Mrs. L. W. Mason.

The Lord Healed Me

HARRISBURG, Ark. — Just a few lines to let you know how the blessed Lord healed my body. I first started with tonsil trouble and the Lord healed it. After that I took a swelling in my feet and legs and had a tumor. I wrote Brother Rouse for an anointed cloth. When the letter left out the swelling began to go down and when I received the cloth, I placed it on my body and was healed immediately. Now I am able to do my work and am doing fine. Thank the Lord for the healing of my body. My husband and I are saved and have the Holy Ghost. Pray for us.—Ellen McKissack, Rt. 2, Box 60.

MISSION PAGE

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I trust that every worker will do his best to help us with our task and that God will get more glory out of our lives. I am trusting in Him who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. I ask you to please pray for me that I will stand true and do this work with a heart full of love. All who read this and want to write me a letter of encouragement, it will be appreciated.—Mrs. P. L. Rigby.